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REMARKS

Claims 123-142 were pending in the subject application. By this amendment, Claims 123, 126, 127, 128 and 133 have been amended to better define applicant's invention, while Claim 132 and 134 have been canceled. The amendments are believed to place the application in condition for allowance or better form for appeal, and do not introduce new matter. Accordingly, entry of the foregoing claim amendments is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 112 Rejection, First Paragraph

Claims 123-131, 133 and 135-142 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. In view of the amendment to the claims above, this rejection is believed to be moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 112 Rejection, Second Paragraph

Claims 123-142 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. In this regard, it is believed that the amendment to the claims will overcome the rejection to the term "thiol-containing compound." With respect to the statements that "Claim 123 is directed to identifying a substrate and the only method step is contacting" and "Nothing is determined or correlated to accomplish the preamble," it is noted that step b) recites "identifying a substrate that has formed a base-stable covalent bond to the reagent" and further that "the substrate is the acetyltransferase substrate." In view of this language in step b), it is believed that step b) is correlated with the preamble and the claim language is definite. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

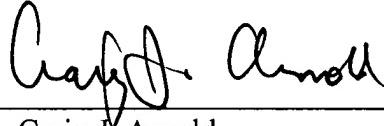
In view of the amendments and remarks made hereinabove, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the February 5, 2010 Office Action and passage of the pending claims to allowance are respectfully requested. If there is any minor matter preventing the allowance of the subject application, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any fee is required to preserve the pendency of the subject application, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-1785. Overpayments may also be credited to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

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